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SUBJ: ABDEL LATIF BOLTIA MAY STAY ON AS ICATU SECGEN

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1. EGYPTIANS SEEM TO BE RETHINKING POSITION ON ICATU REPORTED REFTEL. EFTU VP ZEFTAWY, WHO WILL LEAD EGYPTIAN DEL TO KHARTOUM ICATU CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING, TOLD LRO DEC 8 THAT ONE EGYPTIAN OBJECTIVE WILL BE TO OBTAIN THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF BOLTIA AS SECGEN. EGYPTIANS WOULD MEAN-WHILE FIND SUITABLE REPLACEMENT FOR HIM AS MANPOWER MIN, AND BOLTIA WOULD THEN LEAVE GOVT TO CONTINUE AT HELM OF ICATU. IMPLICATION WAS THAT EGYPTIANS BEGINNING TO HAVE DOUBTS ON THEIR ABILITY TO CONTROL ICATU AT A DISTANCE, PARTICUARLY WITH SYRIAN AND IRAQI AS VICE PRESIDENTS.

2. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO ZEFTAWY, THERE IS STILL POSSIB-ITY THAT BOLTIA WILL SEEK LEADERSHIP OF ALO. EGYPTIANS THOROUGHLY DISSATISFIED WITH PRESENT DIR, ALGERIAN HODEIRY, PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE OF HIS LACK OF SUBSTANTIVE ACTIVITY.
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AS SEEMS USUAL WITH ICATU, THINGS REMAIN UNCLEAR, AND

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EGYPTIANS HANGING ON TO AS MANY OPTIONS AS POSSIBLE UNTIL
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